

## WAS A BRAVE SOLDIER.

Retirement of Gen. McCook from Active Service.

Distinguished Member of a Famous Fighting Family—His Record in Indian Campaigns and Through the Civil War.

On April 23 Gen. Alexander McDowell McCook, the most distinguished representative of the famous fighting McCooks and who was recently promoted to the rank of major general of the United States army, went on the retired list, having reached his sixty-fourth year. He is the eldest of eight brothers who have borne arms for their country, and has been in the army for forty-two years, although during the war he served with the volunteers.

It is probable that Brig. Gen. Ruger, of the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago, will be promoted.

Gen. McCook's father, Maj. Daniel McCook, and three of his brothers were killed in the rebellion. The family consisted of eight sons, four of whom, by valiant service in the civil war, attained the rank of major general. The retiring general was born in Ohio, April 23, 1831. On his graduation from the military academy in the summer of 1852 he was brevetted second lieutenant of the Third infantry. Only one year later he began his frontier experience as an Indian fighter, being detailed at Fort Fillmore, N. M. For three years he saw active duty in dealing with the troublesome Apaches and Utes at various New Mexican stations. The experience, as a member of scouting expeditions, which he gained at this period of his life was of inestimable value to him in after years. He participated in the engagements of Sauwathie pass, Arkansas river and Gila river. The years of 1857 and 1858 were spent in a leave of absence followed by an assignment as assistant instructor in military tactics at the academy, which position he held at the outbreak of the civil war.

His first service in the civil war was as recruiting and disbursing officer at Columbus, O., his commission as colonel of the First Ohio volunteers dating April 16, 1861. Before his appointment as brigadier general of volunteers,



GEN. ALEXANDER MCDOWELL MCCOOK.

September 3, 1861, he participated in the defense of Washington city, the engagement of Vienna and the battle of Bull Run.

As commander of the division of the army of the Ohio he saw exacting service at Nashville, Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh and Corinth.

Promotion to rank of major general came to him July 17, 1863, and he was then given command of the first corps, army of the Ohio, which he led through Kentucky and the relief of Nashville, involving, among other engagements, the battle of Perryville. He was in command of the union forces at the battle of Liberty Gap, and participated at Stone river and Chickamauga. His part in the Tennessee campaign was a brilliant one and the engagements in which he participated with the greatest valor were numerous.

From October, 1863, to November, 1864, he was on waiting orders at the city of Washington, in defense of which he took an active and important part. He was then transferred to the middle military division, where he served until February, 1865, when he was placed in command of the district of eastern Arkansas, his duty here ending May, 1865.

The following five months he spent, while on waiting orders, with a committee from congress in the investigation of Indian affairs in the west. His resignation from the volunteer service was given October 21, 1865, and he was made lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-sixth infantry March 5, 1867. Next he was transferred to the Tenth infantry in 1869, followed by promotion to colonel of the Sixth infantry December 15, 1880. In this position, by reason of the frequent transfers of his regiment, he saw a wide variety of service. From December, 1874, to June, 1875, he was acting inspector general of the department of the Missouri, and from the latter date to December, 1880, he was colonel and aid-de-camp to the general of the army.

During the period from May 13, 1880, to August 23, 1890, his abilities as an instructor and executive officer were again called into requisition. He was commander of the Infantry and Cavalry School of Application. His appointment as brigadier general was made July 11, 1890, and he was then placed in command of the department of Arizona, which position he held until appointed major general.

This promotion came November 9, 1894, and he was then put in command of the department of Colorado.

Secretary Lamont's retiring order reviews Gen. McCook's career in a most flattering way and concludes: "He is the last survivor but one of a gallant family which gave a father and every son to the military service in defense of the country and lost four dead upon the battlefield."

English Pig Ten Feet Long.

An enormous pig, believed to be the largest ever seen, has been slaughtered at Linton, Cambridge. The pig, which was 15 months old, weighed nearly 90 stones, and measured 10 feet in length and 7 feet in girth.

## MR. CURZON'S CAREER.

Miss Leiter's Husband Is a Man of Considerable Individuality.

Hon. George N. Curzon, who has just married the handsome daughter of Levi Z. Leiter, of Washington and Chicago, is a member of parliament for Southport, Lancashire, which position he has held since 1886. In 1890-91 he was under-secretary for India. His house at Derbyshire is called Kedleston hall, and his town house is at 5 Carlton terrace, London. Mr. Curzon has traveled a great deal in the east and is an authority on oriental topics. His numerous journeys have taken him to China, Siam, Burmah, India, Persia, and only in January last he returned from Afghanistan, where he was received by the amir at Kabul. Mr. Curzon has written several interesting



HON. GEORGE N. CURZON, M.P.

books of travel, showing a close observation of the manners and customs of the countries which he has visited and of which he has written. Among the books are "Russia in Central Asia," "Persia" and "Problems of the Far East."

Mr. Curzon's books have attracted considerable attention in this country, and by them he is known among the literary people of New York and New England quite as well as if he had lived there all his life. He has visited America and is not a stranger in Washington.

The groom attended All Souls', of Oxford, of which he is an M. A. and a fellow. He was born on January 11, 1859, and is some eight years the senior of his bride. Mr. Curzon is one of a family of eleven children, all of whom are living but one. His brother, next in age, is captain of the Third Battery of Sherwood Foresters, Derbyshire regiment, and is connected by marriage with the old family of Rokeby, whose names are only found now in the list of extinct peerages. He has another brother who has taken his B. A. at Oxford. Of his sisters, Sophia is the wife of Rev. Charles MacMichael, vicar of Stanton-in-Peak, Derby. Upon the death of the present Baron Scarsdale the plain George N. Curzon will succeed to the title of the house, and Miss Leiter will be her ladyship, with all the honors that that title implies among the oldest families in England.

## RIDES A BICYCLE.

Dr. A. Conan Doyle, Physician, Author and Wheel Craze.

When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hopes seem hardly worth having, just mount a bicycle, writes the author of "Sherlock Holmes," in *Demorest's Magazine*, and go for a good spin down the road, without thought of anything but the ride you are taking.

I have, myself, ridden the bicycle most during my practice as a physician and during my work in letters. In the morning or the afternoon, before or after work, as the mood overtakes me, I mount the wheel and am off for a spin of a few miles up or down the road from my country place. I can only



DR. A. CONAN DOYLE.

speak words of praise for the bicycle, for I believe that its use is commonly beneficial and not at all detrimental to health, except in the matter of beginners who overdo it.

The bicycle craze seems to me to be only in its infancy, for probably in time we shall witness the spectacle of our business men going to their offices mounted on the bicycle, instead of using the tramways.

As for the bicycle being more popular in America than in England, I am rather inclined to believe, from what I have seen in both countries, that its popularity on sides of the water, among English speaking people, is a pretty even thing.

Wedding Customs in Turkey.

The dowry of a Turkish bride is fixed both by law and custom, and must not exceed a sum equal to \$1.70 in United States currency. On no pretext can this amount be made greater or less, even though the parents be extremely poor or immensely wealthy. The wedding is invariably set for Thursday, the festivities beginning on the previous Monday and lasting four days. The merry-making is carried on by the men and women separately, and each day is distinguished by a change in ceremonies. On no account will Turks allow spoons, forks, knives or wine on the table when celebrating a wedding.

## KING OF THE HELLENES.

He Has Shown Great Tact in Maintaining Himself.

Although Opposed by the Greek Native Party His Throne is Reasonably Secure—Democratic Life Led by the Royal Family.

Modern Greece and its reigning house is the subject of an entertaining paper in the *Review of Reviews*. The little midshipman of Denmark who was in London assisting at his sister's wedding to the prince of Wales thirty-two years ago, and who was chosen to be the ruler of Greece, is to-day in the full vigor of his prime, and can see in sturdy sons and grandsons the promise that his kingdom is not to perish with him.

No royal house in Europe can more safely challenge the "fierce light that beats upon the throne," for a more exemplary household than that of King George it would be hard to find. There is an open-air wholesomeness about them all that goes with pure blood and domestic virtue. King George is indeed the first gentleman of Greece, but he does not hedge himself about with state. He is more likely to be met on a swinging walk than in a carriage; and when he catches a brute beating a child in the arms of his capital he is not above stopping to do a little cudgeling on his own account.

Of the queen, not even malice could slip a syllable in disparage. She is a beautiful woman, of commanding presence, every inch a queen, and allies the royal family of Greece to that of Russia.

In 1889, when Crown Prince Constantine was married to Princess Sophia of Prussia, there was in Athens one of the most unique gatherings of royalty ever known. In the homely Byzantine cathedral during the long wedding ceremony, which took two hours, were Sophia's mother, the dowager empress of Germany, and her brother, Emperor William, and his wife; the present czar of Russia, the cousin of Queen Olga of Greece, and the nephew of King George; King George's sister, the princess of Wales and her husband, and King George's mother and father, the king and queen of Denmark. So one



KING GEORGE OF GREECE.

can readily see that little Greece does not lack for rich relatives.

The crown prince is the happy father of two little boys, so the succession is fully secured.

Prince George of Greece is a happy young fellow, and is well known to the world through his exciting adventure with an assassin in Japan some time ago. Princess Marie forms another member of the royal family. Her elder sister, Alexandra, died recently.

Excitement attends political life in Greece, as the average life of a ministry is little more than ten months. Of King George's reign, it can be said that in the face of great odds it has been wise and beneficial. He would not claim the character of a statesman king, but he possesses preeminently the "level head" and unflinching tact. As cool as the Greeks are hot, he has gone in and out among them as a master moderator—a sane and steady influence; and his unique relations have put in his hands a diplomatic power which has been of supreme consequence to his people.

With a population of hardly 3,500,000, Greece has a debt of \$164,000,000, or about \$75 per capita.

Proposed Tax on Titles.

In France they propose to tax titles thus: Prince, 1,000 francs; duke, 800 francs; marquis, 700 francs; count, 500 francs; viscount, 300 francs; baron, 400 francs; double prefix, 200 francs; single prefix, 100 francs. The rates appear to be reasonable enough, but why should a government that professes to be a republic recognize titles of nobility in this way? It would be better to abolish them altogether. They are not recognizable under a republic.

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| Ar. Evansville..... 6:30 a.m.        | Ar. Evansville..... 8:30 p.m.       |
| Ar. Henderson..... 7:17 a.m.         | Ar. Henderson..... 9:17 p.m.        |
| Ar. Corydon..... 7:42 a.m.           | Ar. Corydon..... 9:42 p.m.          |
| Ar. Morganfield..... 8:18 a.m.       | Ar. Morganfield..... 10:18 p.m.     |
| Ar. DeKoven..... 8:49 a.m.           | Ar. DeKoven..... 10:49 p.m.         |
| Ar. Sturgis..... 9:04 a.m.           | Ar. Sturgis..... 11:04 p.m.         |
| Ar. Marion..... 9:49 a.m.            | Ar. Marion..... 11:49 p.m.          |
| Ar. Princeton..... 10:57 a.m.        | Ar. Princeton..... 12:57 p.m.       |
| Ar. Cerulean Springs..... 11:25 a.m. | Ar. Cerulean Springs..... 1:25 p.m. |
| Ar. Gracely..... 11:49 a.m.          | Ar. Gracely..... 1:49 p.m.          |
| Ar. Hopkinsville..... 12:10 p.m.     | Ar. Hopkinsville..... 2:10 p.m.     |

LOCAL FREIGHT.

Ar. Princeton..... 7:15 a.m. Daily  
Ar. Hopkinsville..... 10:00 a.m. "  
Ar. Marion..... 5:00 p.m. "  
Ar. Princeton..... 7:30 p.m. "

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Ar. Morganfield..... 8:05 a.m. "  
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